

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

There are two forms of the GOSPEL proclamation.  
Check with the Presider regarding which form he prefers.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

*Citation:* Isaiah, Chap.25, Verses 6-10a  
Isaiah 25: 6-10a

The Prophet describes how excited, how thrilled the people of Israel will be when they realize that the Lord has come to them to be their champion. He describes the feelings they will have as those surrounding a lavish meal, or the “Eureka” feeling when we understand a difficult problem, or how we feel relief from a particularly hurtful pain or illness. Make sure your voice reflects these; use word-stress to help you express the feelings.

### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain (very positive; convinced)  
the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples  
a feast of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. (very short pause)

On this mountain  
he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,  
the web that is woven over all nations; (very short pause)  
he will destroy death forever. (each word separately, convinced) (short pause)

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face;  
the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth;  
for the LORD has spoken. (strong; slow, each word)

On that day it will be said: (announcer)  
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! (raise volume a bit)  
This is the LORD  
for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" (very short pause)

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain. (solemn)

**The word of the Lord.**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

*Citation:* Philippians, Chap. 4, Verses 12-14, 19-20  
Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Paul thanks his followers for their concern and effort on his behalf through a very challenging, troubling time. He reminds them that the God he worships is the One he preached to them, and in whom they also believe. He concludes by insisting his God and theirs are now the same One. And he is very proud and pleased about it! Be Paul.

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: (very short pause)  
I know how to live in humble circumstances; (voice goes up a bit)  
I know also how to live with abundance. (voice goes back to normal)

In every circumstance and in all things  
I have learned the secret of being well fed (voice goes up a bit)  
of living in abundance (voice goes down a bit)  
and of being in need. (quietly)

I can do all things in him  
who strengthens me. (very short pause)  
Still, (solicitous, thankful)  
it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, (voice goes down a bit)  
in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (parenthetical) (very short pause)  
To our God and Father, glory (raise volume a bit)  
forever and ever. (raise it a bit more)  
Amen. (long "A"; complete affirmation)

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GOSPEL  
[Longer Form](#)

*Citation:* Matthew, Chap. 22, Verses 1-14  
Matthew 22: 1-14

**Jesus tells a story dripping with meaning for His audience; He uses the different emotions involved to help make His points as the story unfolds. Put yourself in the King's *persona* and react accordingly as the story progresses. How does Jesus feel about His audience as He ends the story? Let your voice show it to help you reinforce the point of the story!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus  
again in reply (parenthetical)  
spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables,  
saying,  
"The kingdom of heaven  
may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. (matter-of-factly)  
He dispatched his servants (he's upbeat; happy)  
to summon the invited guests to the feast, "  
but they refused to come. (unbelievable!) (very short pause)

A second time he sent other servants, (a little frustration in voice)  
saying,  
'Tell those invited:  
'Behold, (a command!)  
I have prepared my banquet,  
my calves and fattened cattle are killed, (he's proud in these lines)  
and everything is ready;  
come to the feast." (solicitous)

Some ignored the invitation and went away, (matter-of-factly)  
one to his farm, another to his business. "  
The rest laid hold of his servants, (this is different! threatening)  
mistreated them,  
and killed them. (very threatening)

The king was enraged and sent his troops, (angry? pick up speed)  
destroyed those murderers,  
and burned their city. (very short pause)

Then  
he said to his servants,  
'The feast is ready,  
but those who were invited were not worthy to come. (almost a sneer?)  
Go out, therefore, into the main roads

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and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

(he'll be victorious anyway!)

The servants went out into the streets  
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,  
and the hall was filled with guests.

(matter-of-factly)

(wonderful!)

But  
when the king came in to meet the guests,  
he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.

(Oh, Oh!)

(a little faster at end) (Oh, Oh!)

The king said to him,  
'My friend,  
how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'

(gentle)

(very gentle)

("I don't understand")

But he was reduced to silence.

(embarrassed or insolent ?)

Then the king said to his attendants,  
'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

(impatience; offended)

(slower, last 3 words)

Many are invited, but few are chosen."

(slow; strong; convinced; a little sad?)

## The Gospel of the Lord.

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[Shorter Form](#)

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(makes no difference who or what!)  
(wonderful!) (upbeat)

**The Gospel of the Lord.**